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In 2004, the MBA, enlarging its commitment to promote education and scholarship in the field of law, organized the Minority Bar Association of Western New York Foundation, Inc., a not-for-profit organization providing financial assistance to individuals interested in pursuing a career in law. The Foundation is committed to ensuring continued minority representation in the legal community.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and gratitude that I stand here today to recognize the Minority Bar Association, for its continuing efforts in the community, its ongoing work for the furthering of the cause, and its promotion of minorities in the legal profession.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF FREE CLINIC OF SIMI VALLEY

#### HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 7, 2006*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of 35 years of continuous community service by the Free Clinic of Simi Valley.

The Free Clinic is a non-profit, volunteer-based community organization that provides medical care, counseling, dental, and legal assistance to individuals and families, regardless of their ability to pay. Throughout its history, it has enjoyed widespread support from the medical and legal communities, service groups, and elected officials.

Funding for the Free Clinic is provided primarily by private foundations, corporations, local service organizations, and individual donors.

All services offered at the clinic's fully licensed facilities are provided by volunteers, which include doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners, medical assistants, dentists, dental assistants, lawyers, paralegals, marriage and family therapists, MFT trainees, and interns.

Last year alone, more than 8,000 patients received services through the clinic, including general medical care, immunizations, smoking cessation programs, and counseling. The dental clinic, which just opened in May 2005, served 79 patients before the year was out. Over its 35-year history, the clinic has served an estimated 70,000 children and adults.

Despite the impressive number of patients served, the Board of Directors and staff practice frugality, with operating costs of less than \$225,000 in 2005. That speaks highly of the caliber of professionals who volunteer their services for the betterment of their community.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in recognizing the Free Clinic of Simi Valley, its board members over the years, its staff, and its volunteers for 35 years of service to our community.

#### "CONGRATULATING OFF-ROAD MOTORSPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES"

#### HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 7, 2006*

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge two extraordinary men who have been recognized for their contributions to Off-Road Motorsports. Bob Ham and the late "Corky" McMillin were inducted into the Off-Road Motorsports Hall of Fame on August 26th of this year.

Bob Ham has been a long time advocate for "off-roaders". In 1969, he co-founded the California Off-Road Vehicle Association (CORVA) and went on to create the Off-Road Vehicle Legislative Coalition in 1983. Bob worked with President Reagan's Interior Secretary, James Watt, to successfully re-establish the "Barstow to Vegas Motorcycle Race". He has worked diligently to preserve designated funds for off-highway vehicles and created a trust fund to stop California legislators from taking allocated money from off-highway vehicle programs. Bob later forced the state to return 30 million dollars to off-highway vehicle programs. His efforts have made it possible for many of my constituents to enjoy the California wilderness in their off-road vehicles.

Unfortunately, the off-road motorsports industry lost one of their most adamant supporters last year after Corky McMillin passed away last September. Corky was posthumously inducted to the Hall of Fame after supporting the industry for more than 29 years. He was a champion off-road racer, winning many competitions multiple times. Corky never wavered from his commitment to the sport and gave generously to various off-road events. He sponsored numerous races, and he was the title sponsor of the Superstition Championship Series, held in Plaster City, California. He was a true statesman to off-road racing and will be greatly missed.

I am pleased to recognize these men on their induction to the Off-Road Motorsports Hall of Fame.

#### SUPPORT FOR A SPECIAL ENVOY FOR SUDAN

#### HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 7, 2006*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I introduce this resolution to again call for the immediate appointment of a Presidential Special Envoy for Sudan. In calling for this I would like to commend the President for the leadership he has shown toward Sudan; Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, who has traveled there and cares deeply about this issue; the work of former Secretary of State Colin Powell, who was the first leader to call the conflict genocide; and former Deputy Secretary Robert Zoellick, for his efforts on behalf of the people of Sudan.

I also want to specifically recognize Roger Winter who has dedicated his life to the people of Sudan. He has been a true hero to the suffering Sudanese.

While we were all hopeful that the signing last May of the Darfur Peace Agreement would bring needed stability to Darfur, I am extremely alarmed that in recent weeks the fighting in Sudan has intensified. The targeting of civilians and humanitarian workers must end. Sudan is at a critical moment and the appointment of a special envoy could not be more timely.

The appointment of a special envoy will send a clear message to Khartoum that the United States will not stand by while genocide is taking place and will send a message to the people suffering in the camps that the United States has been and will continue to be actively involved in ending their nightmare.

I urge the administration to move quickly to bring hope to the people of Sudan.

#### RECOGNIZING RANDY HATCHER OF BRANDON, FLORIDA

#### HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 7, 2006*

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Randy Hatcher of Brandon, Florida, an Army Staff Sergeant killed in 1991 during the first Persian Gulf War.

Born in Tallahassee, Florida, Sgt. Hatcher was active on his high school wrestling team while living in Birmingham, Alabama. The son of an Air Force veteran, Randy made the decision to enter the military following high school.

Following six years of Army service in Germany, Sgt. Hatcher was deployed to Iraq as part of the 197th Army Infantry Brigade. During his seven months serving in the Persian Gulf, Sgt. Hatcher wrote many upbeat letters to his family and loved ones, speaking of his love of fishing and how he worried for his family back home.

Three days following victory in the Persian Gulf, Sgt. Hatcher was killed when an ammunition trailer in his convoy exploded. Up until his death, Sgt. Hatcher remained positive about his mission and his service in the Army. He believed in what the United States was doing in the Persian Gulf and did not complain about the work or the conditions he served in while overseas. He left behind his wife Florlita and a two and a half year old son Randy. Sgt. Hatcher's parents, Carol and Joseph Jones, still reside in Citrus County, Florida.

Mr. Speaker, it is soldiers like Randy Hatcher who volunteered to protect the freedoms that all Americans hold dear to their hearts. While brave men and women like Randy have perished in the name of freedom and liberty, his family, friends and loved ones should know that this Congress will never forget his sacrifice and commitment.